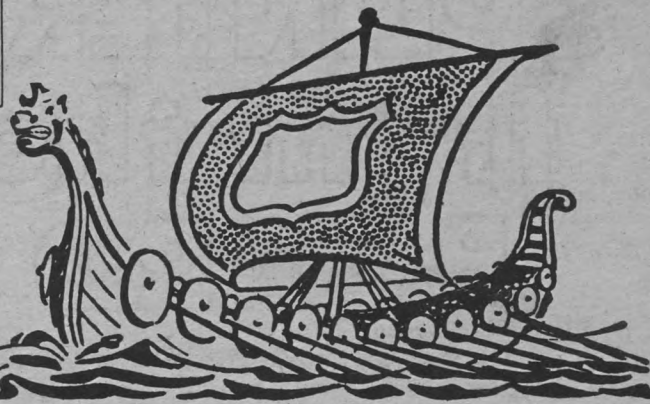


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PER NIELSEN PRESIDENT

WINTER OLYMPICS

Finland Makes Best Showing of Scandinavians

By Elmer Kankkunen

I read recently in the Edmonton Journal TV Times that the President of Finland, Urho Kalevi Tikkonen, would be narrating a portion of one of the continuing Olympiad series which will feature old film clippings of Paavo Nurmi's famous races. And I always thought the President's name was Urho Kalevi Kekkonen.

Television coverage of the Winter Olympics was vastly improved over previous years. Alpine events and the men's 4x10 kilometre cross-country relay received especially good coverage. Speed skating and figure skating are so repetitious in nature that they become a bit of a bore. Achievements by Canadian athletes were well documented in the Journal so I shall deal briefly with Scandinavians only.

Finland made the best showing of all the Scandinavian countries in skiing, winning a total of seven medals compared to two by Norway and two by Sweden. Norway won five medals in speed skating for a total of seven overall.

Scandinavian medals and point placings were as follows:

SKIING
MEN'S 4x10 KILOMETRE RELAY
Finland — gold
Norway — silver
Sweden — 4th
WOMEN'S 4x5 K RELAY
Finland — silver
Sweden — 4th
Norway — 5th
MEN'S 4x7.5 K BIATHLON RELAY
Finland — silver
Norway — 5th
MEN'S 20 K BIALTHLON
Heikki Ikola, Finland — silver

Esko Saira, Finland — 6th
MEN'S 50 KILOMETRES
Ivar Forma, Norway — gold
Benny Sodergren, Sweden — silver
MEN'S 30 KILOMETRES
Juha Mieto, Finland — 4th
MEN'S 15 KILOMETRES
Arto Koivisto, Finland — bronze
Ivar Formo, Norway — 5th
MEN'S GIANT SLALOM
Ingemar Stenmark, Sweden — bronze
MEN'S NORDIC COMBINED
Rauno Miettinen, Finland — 4th
WOMEN'S 4x5 KILOMETRE RELAY
Finland — silver
Sweden — 4th
Norway — 5th
WOMEN'S 10 KILOMETRE
Helen Takalo, Finland — silver
Eva Olsson, Sweden — 5th
WOMEN'S 5 KILOMETRE
Helen Takalo, Finland — gold
Hilkka Kuntola, Finland — 5th
Eva Olsson, Sweden — 6th
SPEED SKATING
MEN'S 10,000 METRES
Sten Stenson, Norway — silver
Orjan Sandler, Sweden — 5th
MEN'S 5,000 METRES
Sten Stenson, Norway — gold
MEN'S 1,500 METRES
Jan Egil Storhold, Norway — gold

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WINTER OLYMPICS

Les Greenham Honored with "Viking of Year" Award

Les Greenham has been one of the most active persons serving the Scandinavian people, not only with the Scandinavian Centre but also with the Icelandic Society.



Les Greenham

Society.

Les became the Manager of the Scandinavian Centre in 1971 and served that position very well for a year and a half, when he decided he'd do better for himself by working for the C.N.I.B. Caterplan of which he is Manager in Edmonton.

Nevertheless, he never lost sight of the fact that he liked to be with Scandinavians. His wife, Thorey, had joined the Icelandic Society in 1964, and in 1967, Les also joined that society and two years later, on Feb. 15, 1969, Les and Thorey got married.

As a member of the Icelandic Society, Les joined the famous Saga Singers of

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LES GREENHAM

Less and Less Attendance at Annual Meeting

The 1976 Annual General Meeting of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited was held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre on Wednesday, February 25, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. to the smallest number of shareholders in attendance.

Harv Haugen, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., welcoming the shareholders present and introducing the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Bill Peterson that the 41 shareholders present be considered a quorum. It was seconded by Wally Broen. Carried.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on February 19, 1975, were read to the meeting by Karin Nasset.

Moved by Sig Sorenson that the Minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Linnea Lodge. Carried.

The following reports for the year were given:

President
Share Sales
Cultural Activities
Scandinavian Centre News
Publicity
Treasurer
Scandapades
Intergroup Liaison
Social Functions
Centre Development
Centre Operations
Charter Flights

These reports may be seen at the end of this article.

Wally Broen, Centre Auditor, was called on to review the financial statements for the year. There was a good deal of discussion and, it was felt by some members, that the wishes of the shareholders with regard to a more detailed breakdown on the financial statements which had been put in the form of a motion and passed at the Annual Meeting held in February, 1974, had not been met with.

This matter is to be investigated by the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Sigurd A. Sorenson that the



Per Nielsen

Directors' Reports be accepted as read. Seconded by Tom Nielsen. Carried. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

Peter Elander pointed out that the Scandinavian Centre needs volunteers and money to be set aside for the paying of current bills and building repairs.

Linnea Lodge suggested the following ways of obtaining revenue for the Scandinavian Centre News:

1. Send out a courtesy billing
2. Put an insert in the paper once a year regarding donations

She also suggested that consideration be given to erecting seven flag poles in front of the Centre.

Bill Peterson asked for an interim report from the Grants Committee; Peter Elander stated that the com-

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ANNUAL MEETING

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Elmer Kankkunen

It's a new year and a new board. Well, not a completely new board as we have only two new people, namely Les Greenham and Karin Nasset, however it is new in other respects. Harvey Haugen somewhat reluctantly relinquished the presidency to Peter Nielsen at our organizational meeting, while other responsibilities were shuffled around quite extensively. Complete details appear elsewhere in this paper. Harvey doesn't intend to sit on his laurels or whatever. He volunteered to review the constitution and by-laws and to work on a closer liaison between the Centre and the consular corps. His offer was heartily accepted. Both Karin Nasset and Les Greenham have valuable background experience related to their respective positions and can be expected to contribute significantly. Welcome to the board, Karin and Les!

The very timely remarks made by Sig Sorenson at the annual meeting seemed to be fresh in the minds of the new board members and set the tone for our first regular meeting. Although the focus will probably be on expansion, it will also be a year of belt tightening and sharper pencils. The new board intends to scrutinize and evaluate all facets of our organization. This means that some of our traditional practices, functions, etc., may have to be modified or even scrapped in order to equalize income with expenses. A committee has already been selected to study the feasibility of establishing our own catering service, the grants committee will investigate possible sources of government assistance for expansion and other purposes. The Scandinavian ethnic groups will be approached for representatives to serve on a committee to study acceptable methods of increasing revenue for the Scandinavian Centre News. Due to the recent termination of the CFCW Scandinavian Show we shall be seeking other outlets suitable for public announcements of Centre and Scandinavian functions. It's shaping up to be another busy year.

One function which certainly won't be modified in any significant way is the 5th Annual Mother's Day Smorgasbord to be held at the Centre on May 9. It was such an unqualified success last year that we anticipate a record turnout. Arrangements will be about the same as last year so get your tickets and make your reservations early to avoid disappointment. □

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

By Peter Elander

"OLAV THE VIKING"

now has 5 brothers.

About a year ago, the Sons of Norway made up a Viking costume for their Leif Ericson Night. The "Norske" were kind enough to let me use the Viking outfit here at the Centre. Some improvements were made to the outfit, a sword and a shield were made up by Knud Larsen from the Danish Society. Knud is the owner of LARSEN'S CUSTOM CABINETS.

Over the months, I have had so much fun in "swearing in" quite a few people as Scandinavians, each time a miniature "Olav The Viking" was presented as a good luck charm. This has brought out some smiles and some laughter. Yes, it has been good advertising, also.

The first Viking costume was improved to a point that it made a strong impression on Solli Sig-

urdson and Pete Nielsen. Both of them started "screaming", "We need 5 brothers for Olav The Viking for Scandapades '76."

With the co-operation of all 5 Scandinavian ethnic societies, this was done. At Scandapades this year, all the flags were carried in by Olav and his brothers.

Knud Larsen had again done a beautiful job in making up 5 more shields, one for each Scandinavian country with their colors and weapons on the shields. These shields are now a permanent fixture here at the Centre. THANK YOU, KNUD.

Some of you may have noticed the helmets the Vikings had on. Well, one helmet was brought in from Saskatchewan, two were hand made by Pentti Sipari, President of the Finnish Society—a fine job.

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MANAGER'S DESK

EDITOR RECEIVES PRESENTATION

LESLIE L. MORRIS
RECEIVES RECOGNITION
By Les M. Greenham

Long overdue recognition was accorded our editor, L. L. "Les" Morris, at the Annual Meeting held on Feb. 25 at the Scandinavian Centre. The Board of Directors, under the able chairmanship of Harv Haugen, presented Les Morris with a share in the Scandinavian Centre. Congratulations, Les! Having worked in an office adjacent to yours for a year and a half, no one knows better the dedication and hours of work you contributed to this newspaper and consequently because of your devotion the Scandinavian Centre News has been acclaimed the most outstanding of its kind on the North American continent. One of the outstanding features of this paper is the fact that it is not only

of interest to all Scandinavians, but to people in all walks of life. Most people probably don't realize how much material, sagas, etc., Les Morris has done research on and contributed to this newspaper. I am sure everybody wants to join me in congratulating Les on a job well done. As a matter of fact, I can't wait for the next issue. Thank you, Les. □

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Orla Tychsen
COMING EVENTS
April 8

Meeting and Initiation Night.
May 14

Syttende Mai Fest (parade will be held on May 17)

The new executive got off to a good start with their first general meeting Feb. 18. Nominations for delegates to the 4th District Convention in Kalispell, Montana, June 17-19, 1976, were held. Delegates to represent Solglyt are Kalmar Amdam, Janet Burt, Gladys Clark, Ross Fowler, Doreen Melsness and Helge Neilson. At the conclusion of each meeting names of all attending members are placed in a box for a door prize—lucky winner at this meeting was Orla Tychsen. Names from each meeting will be kept and a grand draw will be made in December when the lucky winner will receive an electric blanket—so come out to all the meetings—the better your chances. The evening concluded with six tables of whist being played while treated to Sangria (Spanish) punch, cheese and crackers by host and hostess Del and Doreen Melsness. First prize winners were Sig and Selma Sorenson, while Gail Peterson and Ross Fowler captured low honors. Coffee and pastry were served and an enjoyable evening ended.

Several members have returned from winter holidays with beautiful tans. John and Marion Iverson from three weeks in Hawaii—also Gary and Evelyn Johnson. Cliff and Edith Johnson, together with Edith's mother, Mrs. Anna Anderson, of Saskatoon, spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends in Phoenix, Arizona.

Representing the Engineering Services Department in the Employee Management Committee at the Misericordia Hospital, Kalmar Amdam was presented with an Employee Award of Merit by the United Way of Edmonton and area at an awards night banquet and dance held at the Mayfield Inn on February 20.

Sharon Sorenson is teaching Norwegian classes at Harry Ainley High School—beginners class Tuesday evening and advanced Wednesday evening. Classes are filled at present but for future courses the Department of Continuing Education can be contacted at 426-3280.

Ragna Sivertson spent an enjoyable week in Calgary with her families to help celebrate her two oldest grandsons' birthdays. She also received some exciting news from Ottawa where her

seven-year-old granddaughter, Tracy, had received a Bronze Medal in figure skating competitions.

Sympathy to the Elsworth Halberg family in the loss of Lois' mother, Mrs. Jessie Stock, of Alberta Beach.

Sympathy also to the Russel Coburn family in the passing of Ella's sister, Paula Cavanaugh, of Hardisty, Alberta.

A speedy recovery to Bob Burt who is Devon Hospital with bronchial pneumonia. Also to Alvin Searl who had the misfortune to chip the bone in his elbow and is taking treatments. We wish them both well.

Congratulations to Mrs. Chris Hafstad who will celebrate her 91st birthday March 25. She is a life member and was an active and hard worker in the lodge for many years. Ragna Sivertson has arranged for several of her old friends to bring her good wishes and celebrate the day.

Del and Doreen Melsness attended Del's nephew's wedding in Vancouver Feb. 28. The following weekend their son, Don, of Ottawa was home on a visit.

Vic Lillo attended a world-wide music convention in Frankfurt, Germany, recently, also traveling to Holland and England.

Njaal Anderson of Winnipeg spent the past weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. Tors Anderson, and brothers, Anders and Inge.

Iver and Martha Venoesen spent a few days in Calgary where they visited friends and attended the cattle show and sale.

Next correspondent will be Molly Cooper—phone 466-5565.

KON-TIKI NIGHT

By Orla Tychsen

Saturday, March 13, Sons of Norway brought Hawaii to the Scandinavian Centre. Those who had never been to Hawaii got their first taste of Hawaiian hospitality. The Centre was beautifully decorated with an assortment of flowers, fish, nets, sea shells and even a palm tree to add to the polynesian atmosphere. Hawaiian music softly played in the background. A crowd of nearly 200 members and friends attended this colorful fun-filled evening. Hawaiian dress was certainly in prevalence, with everyone arriving in brightly-colored floor-length muu muus, shirts and even grass skirts.

Scandinavian Centre Queen Karin Nasset greeted each guest with a lei and a friendly "aloha". The evening got into full swing when the

Reubin Missal orchestra started off with several songs of Hawaii. Master of Ceremonies Ross Fowler called several spot dances, elimination dance and the butterfly.

During intermission the audience was treated to several Hawaiian dance numbers by three lovely Wahines (girls) in their grass skirts—Patricia McBride, Lori Venoesen and Karen Osborne so gracefully performed. Also ably done was a lively Tahitian number by Sonja Krogen. The humor side of the entertainment came when the "Whistlers Quintet"—five misshapen Hawaiian girls (our own lodge men) hula-hulad in and whistled a melody of songs. Also during intermission, Solglyt President Doug Peterson made several presentations. Wally Broen received his Past President pin, Life Members Andy and Mathilda Mjaatveit and Nels and Isabelle Mjaatveit were presented with silver trays inscribed for their 41st and 40th Anniversaries. Congratulations. Door prizes went to Miss Lori Venoesen and Mr. D. Shrimpton.

The evening concluded with a lovely midnight luncheon of open face sandwiches and an assortment of pastries served by Wahine Olga McBride and her five assistant Wahines.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success and to everyone who came out. ALOHA.

SONS OF NORWAY CULTURAL REPORT

By Astrid Hope

On Friday evening, Feb. 27, excerpts from "Scandapades '76" were viewed on QCTV—"QC on Canadians" on a 40-minute program. It was taped and showed again on the Sunday following. We were again favoured with the melodic tunes of the Icelandic Saga Singers and soloist Sol Sigurdson; the delightful dancing of the tap-dancers (Joanne Hope and Louise Buksa), plus the folk dancing performed by the Finnish group and the Norwegian folk dancers who ventured from Camrose to do their Ox Dance. Irene Hovde and Vic Elverum entertained their usual way, singing and playing their respective instruments of zither and guitar. Per Nielsen, producer of the show, and Harv Haugen, Past President of the Scandinavian Centre, had a most interesting talk with the hostess of the show. "Stagedoor" entertained the Senior Citizens at Angus McGuigan Nursing Home on March 17. A few Sons of Norway members performed.

On March 19, Astrid Hope, referred to by Consul A. Johannassen, went to Brightview Elementary School, 15425 - 106 Ave., with her display and talk on Norway.

The Cultural Committee report a good response to

CLARESHOLM WINTER GAMES

By Bob Burt

Claresholm, some 80 miles south of Calgary, formed the Sons of Norway Lodge in 1928 and has been very active ever since.

Three large busloads of sportsmen and ladies travelled from Grande Prairie, Edmonton and Camrose, Friday, March 5 to meet at Claresholm to compete in the 1976 S/N Winter Games. Cars were also driven from these points, and a large group arrived from Calgary. Over 160 registered that first night at the IOOF Hall. There, each signed in and were given their crest from Hamar Lodge 345, together with schedules, maps and meal tickets. The hall held many old friends, as it is a happy time when old friends meet. There was a dance and Norwegian pastry was served by the ladies that evening.

The Claresholm Lodge had worked diligently on the program since the Grande Prairie event. Dave Pedersen, chairman of the games, travelled between his 60 workers making up the seven committees, to see that all was in readiness. Committees included finance, curling, bowling,

their "Norwegian Cookery and Handicraft" course. The evening of the "Rømmegrøt" demonstration given by Martha Venossen proved very successful—three men were even present! It was a real gourmet treat!

To date, we have no applications for Sons of Norway Queen. The contest is for the April 9th meeting. Hurry, girls, enter for the queenly position! Please refer to the March edition of the Scandinavian Centre News for particulars or phone me at 469-4747 or Karin Nasset at 439-6987.

Submitted by:
Astrid Hope
Cultural Director
Sons of Norway

lunch, billeting and transportation, entertainment and skiing. The large gathering was billeted at two Motels, the Golden Pheasant and the Bluebird, and two Hotels, the Jolly Roger and the Bell.

Following a good night's sleep, some participants got up to see Marshall Moy,

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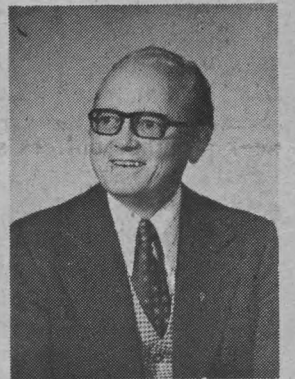
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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER Icelanders Celebrate Thorrablot

By Les Greenham

A good, good evening to you all. Why a good evening? Well, 80% of you people will come home from work, grab your Scandinavian Centre News paper out of the mailbox and, if you are like me, you will read the whole paper from cover to cover. I am sure you will all agree, this is one of the finest newspapers of its kind anywhere. Look elsewhere in this paper for awards and recognition.

You all, no doubt, have read last month's paper, with all its accolades about this year's production of *Scandapades* under the direction of that likeable personality known to us all as Solli Sigurdson. Well, we feel we would like to add our two bits worth. Of all the productions of *Scandapades* we have seen, there has only been one other production that can compare with the fantastic show we had this year and that is the one Sig and Selma Sorenson produced two years ago. But my apologies to you, Sig and Selma, I am a little biased probably, but I do feel this year's was just maybe a little better, in other words, the greatest of them all and anybody who didn't see it certainly missed a fabulous evening.

Hopefully by the time you receive this newspaper, the Edmonton Icelandic girls fastball team will have commenced with spring training under the capable coaching abilities of Ray Albrecht and yours truly. When we are finished teaching these girls the fundamentals of the game, we shall field a team that will hold their own with any girls fastball team anywhere. As a matter of fact, we conceivably could go to the world championship next fall. Of course, we realize that we have to beat Markerville first. Now, I know there a lot of girls who will want to try out for this super team. So for your information and the chance of a lifetime, you can contact Margaret or Ray Albrecht at 475-8326 or myself, Les Greenham, at 455-0082.

Having just made mention of Markerville girls fastball team, which we expect will be our toughest competition, brings to mind the Markerville picnic which is scheduled for June 19-20. However, these dates are not confirmed as yet, so whatever you do, folks, check next month's paper to confirm the exact weekend and make sure you reserve it because it is going to be bigger and better than ever. Incidentally, Ninna Campbell and myself would like some ideas for our annual fun race. You know we are so anxious for some ideas, it behooves me to offer a \$5.00 prize for the best idea. If you can think of something funny, send your information to Les Greenham at 10424 - 142

Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5N 2P2. Now, if you are a wagering type of individual, put your money on Greenham—we can assure you Ninna Campbell doesn't stand a chance. You will notice, folks, and I am sure you appreciate it, I don't do any bragging, but I do think positive.

Hey, what about that guy, Charlie Goodman. Did you know that he has received a promotion with the Electrolux Company of Canada? He has been made the manager of their office in Red Deer. Charlie and his wife, Jean, will certainly be missed by all of us here in Edmonton. We all wish you and your family the very best in your new job. However, Charlie, we hope to see you and your family at the Markerville picnic and how about making reservations for next year's Thorrablot?

Well, folks, we all, as individuals, form a very close and binding love to certain people in our lives. In the case of Thorey and me, probably because Tody and Bill Halldorson were instrumental in Thorey and I becoming acquainted, we have a tremendous love in our hearts for Tody. And it grieves us beyond words to have been informed that Mrs. Tody Halldorson has been transferred to Manitoba by the organization she works for, namely C.N.I.B. Caterplan. You all have heard the expression, "Every cloud has a silver lining?" Well, the dark cloud to all of us who know Tody is that she is leaving us, but the silver lining is her promotion to Manitoba Area Supervisor from her present position as Personnel Manager in Alberta. We are all certainly going to miss you, Tody, however, I am sure that eventually you will be getting holidays or maybe a business trip and west-bound you will travel. Once you hit Edmonton, I predict you will call your daughter, Bonnie, first; then probably Nellie, and then Les and Thorey, and you will say, "Let's get together for old-times' sake," whereupon we shall answer in the affirmative and ask, "How soon?" Anyway, Tody, it goes without saying, we all, who know you here in Edmonton, wish you the very best.

Thorrablot was bigger and better this year than ever. I would personally like to pay recognition to all those people who did so much hard work and planning to ensure its success. Look elsewhere in this paper for full details about Thorrablot by Lillian MacPherson. And while on the subject of looking elsewhere in this paper, be sure and look for the publicity column of the new Scandinavian Club Viking by Peter Elander.

Beulah Arason has returned from Ottawa where she greeted the arrival of a

By Lillian MacPherson

A sell-out crowd enjoyed the annual Icelandic mid-winter festival, Thorrablot, at the Scandinavian Centre on March 6. The dinner table was full of Icelandic favorites—reyktur hvitfiskur, hangikjot, lifrarpylsa, rulla pylsa, kjaefa, mysostur—all served with boiled potatoes, white sauce, turnips, peas and brown bread. For dessert, there was skyr, vinaterta and kleinur. For the uninitiated the table provided turkey, gravy and ice cream. The feast was prepared by members of the Icelandic Society. Ninna Campbell was in charge of the committee which organized the food.

The evening's program began with the fjallkona, Gudbjorg (Burkie) Letournau being escorted to the head table by Leif Oddson. She spoke briefly about the history of the celebration of Thorrablot. Sam Thorkelson, President of Nordurljos, welcomed the gathering. After the feast, Hilmir Agustsson recited a poem in Icelandic which is traditionally associated with the celebration. The Honorable Horst Schmid, Minister of Culture, and head table guest, brought greetings from the provincial government, even trying his hand at some Icelandic phrases. He presented the Society with a flag of Alberta. Harv Haugen, past president of the Scandinavian Centre, reduced his indebtedness to the minister by three dollars when he had delivered to the minister three kisses from Icelandic Society Queen, Susan Lundberg. Olav The Viking also made an appearance, and following a complicated ritual, proclaimed Mr. Schmid a Viking. Solli Sigurdson sang some favorites including the Winnipeg Icelander, a poem by Guttormur Guttormsson, which Solli set to music.

Guest speaker was Alex Thorarinson, Consul General for Iceland, from Winnipeg. He gave a delightfully light-hearted survey of the five Nordic cultures—their personality characteristics, work ethic, morals and general attitude to life. These observations were developed on a visit to the five countries, and, although the humour was abundant, there was likely a lot of

fourth grandson. Born to Roland and Carole Tougas, Andrew Charles, 7 lbs. and 2 oz.

We hear via the grapevine that Helen Halldorson was going into the University Hospital for surgery and hopefully, by the time this paper reaches you, you will be well on the way to recovery, Helen.

Next month's news correspondent will be Lillian MacPherson, and if you have any news you wish published, contact her at 422-7557. □

underlying truth as well in the remarks.

After the formal program, guests danced to the music of Bud's Combo, an excellent trio led by Bud Berghthorson, originally of the Wynyard district, who has been entertaining in Edmonton for 20 years.

There were many out of town guests at the Thorrablot this year from Wynyard, Regina, Calgary, and Wetaskiwin. It was great to have all these people join

in the celebration.

Les Greenham, recipient of the Viking of the Year Award, acted as marshall for the evening, keeping food lines moving, dances varied and tending to other necessary business.

Al Arnason and his committee are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements which resulted in the successful celebration of Thorrablot for the second time in Edmonton. □

Cultural Report

By Margaret Cameron

The Cultural Committee of the Scandinavian Centre has had many requests to assist with ethnic programs of dancing, singing and displays, also entertainment for the hospital patients with such things as films, singing and music, etc.

The Scandinavian people are happy to dress in their traditional costumes and help when called on.

The Klondike days were enjoyable. The ladies were dressed in their costumes and assisted with the Garden Party and enjoyed such a gay event.

As chairwoman of the Cultural Committee, I wish to thank the wonderful people who were so great to work with in my five years as chairwoman of the committee.

The following is a letter received from the Edmonton Klondike Days Association earlier this year:

"Dear Ms. Cameron;
"Better late than never. If we didn't believe in this phrase we would have no alternative but to feel embarrassed by the lateness of this letter to you. We hope you will accept our apologies in this regard, and

Club Viking

By Peter Elander
ON THE MOVE

Scandinavian Club Viking is a reality, THE CLUB IS ON THE MOVE. The goal set to have 40 charter members has been reached, and many more are asking for membership.

The appointed directors have been dismissed with a big "thank you" for a job well done. They managed in a short time to make up a constitution and to get it approved in principle by the members. They managed to have three small social functions already.

On March 12, nine new directors were elected. They went right to work the following Monday. Under the leadership of Les Greenham the different positions were filled.

LIST OF OFFICERS
PRESIDENT
Les Greenham

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also accept our sincere thank you for your most valuable help towards making the 1975 Klondike Days celebration the success it turned out to be.

"We at the Klondike Association would like you to know of our realization that, without this valued help, it would be impossible to stage all the events.

"Again, our thanks and we hope that we may count on your able assistance again in the near future.

"Yours truly,

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



The regular March meeting was held on Saturday the 6th with our chairman Lennart Petersson presiding.

Those reported sick were Hansine Pierre, Helen Berg, Alma Samuelson and Oscar Pearson. We all hope you will be well soon.

Raymond Wold, who represented the lodge at the annual shareholders' meeting, made an excellent report.

After the meeting, a real nice lunch was enjoyed, thanks to Vera Staples, Hilda Hanson and Matt Eliasson. Entertainment was BINGO called by Emil Weiss.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 3 at 7:00 o'clock in the Dania Room.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on April 9 in the evening, starting at 8:00 o'clock at the home of John and Sonja Bergstrom, 8636 66 Ave.

The Ladies Auxiliary will host a coffee party and sale of homebaking at the Molson House.

CURLING

The Eleventh Annual District Curling Bonspiel was held at Leduc on Feb. 28 with Buford Lodge hosting the event. There was a two-way tie for first place between the Doug Havanka team from Falun and the Bob Ladouceur team from Buford. The tie was broken by the skips throwing rocks, with Doug Havanka throwing the winning rock. The winning team consisted of Doug Havanka, Ken Flinkman, Jenny Havanka and Gus Tabler. Twelve teams participated in the event coming from Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary, Falun, Meeting Creek, Edmonton and Buford.

At the banquet at the Legion Hall, Floyd Modin was Master of Ceremonies.

Grand Lodge Deputy John Holmlund spoke on how successful these curling bonspiels have been in getting our sister lodges together.

Bert Johnson, District Secretary, also mentioned how great it was to get together. He also mentioned that some members had come a long way and the weather was not the best for travelling. District Master Glen Eliasson commented on the good attendance especially on the part of Norden Lodge with almost 50% attendance. Dancing followed the banquet to the music of Helge Erickson.

HOCKEY

On February 14-16, about 3,000 people converged on Lethbridge and district as the Old-Timers Canadian Hockey Association's Annual

Hockey Tournament took place. Sixty-four teams took part in this tournament, teams coming from as far east as Newfoundland and west to Vancouver Island. Wayne Modin was one of the players taking part in this tournament, playing for the Sherwood Park Lancers. They won the first three games making it through the quarter finals and losing out in the semi-finals.

A number of years ago, Wayne played hockey for Legal. One year he won the award for the most valuable player and another year was voted most congenial player. He also coached one year. A real old-timer. Next year, the Lancers hope to go to Switzerland for the European Old-Timers Tournament.

Don Samuelson and the Pee Wee B's hockey team he coaches travelled by van to Slave Lake one weekend. They didn't win any games, but had a real good time. They were taken around and shown all the industries in the area.

OTHER NEWS

Grant McAuley went to Cuba for a two-week holiday with his friend, Scott Parks. Ray and Gladys McAuley motored to Calgary one weekend to visit with Mrs. Ruth Peterson (Gladys' mother) to help her celebrate her birthday.

Glen Eliasson is very happy and proud as he is now a holder of a pilot's license. He has been taking flying lessons for several months and has enjoyed flying immensely. Congratulations and best of luck on your flying.

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- VICE-PRESIDENT**
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- TREASURER**
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Lili Nielsen
- SOCIAL DIRECTORS**
Emeth Clark
Pentti Sipari
- PUBLICITY**
Peter Elander
- FOOD DIRECTOR**
Lillian MacPherson

The application for coming under the Alberta Society Act is on its way.

Functions have been planned for the remaining part of the year. A bulletin with the name, The Viking Cry, will be mailed every so often to all Club Viking members. It is the hope that information from the Scandinavian Centre News and the bulletin will give

the publicity and information needed to the members and other interested people.

There have been some objections to the starting of this club. Mainly a concern for the five Scandinavian ethnic societies, the question brought out was: Is this club going to compete with the ethnic groups, is it going to take members away from these societies?

On behalf of the new Board of Directors, I can assure the concerned people that the object is not to destroy, but to build up, membership. With 40,000 Scandinavians in and around Edmonton, we could have many more things and clubs going. Are we giving what some of these people want? We are, at this time, reaching about 5% of the Scandinavians around here. Maybe it is 10%—so what, we can do more, we should do more. The need for one more club is real, at least in my opinion. I do have the opportunity to speak to many Scandinavians here. I feel a desire to share customs, ideas and fellowship between the ethnic societies is there. The Club Viking will help to bring this about. Club Viking will promote real fellowship and this is the reason for it, that no one can just buy a membership. To be a member, you must be sponsored by a member, and after that the membership must be approved by the Board of Directors. Yes, Club Viking is going to be very special. It is a club for members who want to get something done, and to provide a "home" where you can take your friends to a Scandinavian atmosphere for good fellowship, food, or???

As the months go on, a report will be placed in this paper of the upcoming activities and plans of other things for the future.

MAY 7TH, 1975

Scandinavian Club Viking will have their first larger **GET TOGETHER**. The Nordic Room will, for this date, change its name to "VALHALLA", because it is here the Vikings are going to talk about a future "RAID", and on this evening the "slave" girls will be treated especially good. More than just bones will be thrown at them. The food will be in Norwegian style, Astrid Hope is in charge, she is a good cook, so you are in for a treat. Olav the Viking will be there as usual. I understand an Icelandic "Skjald" will be there also. Only 100 tickets will be sold for the small sum of four pieces of bread (\$4.00).

"The Great Dane" □

CLUB VIKING
GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 12, 1976

The meeting of the Scandinavian Club Viking was called to order by the chairman, Per Nielsen, with 18 members in attendance.

GENERAL MATTERS

The chairman started the

meeting by introducing the people presently acting as board members for Club Viking and informed the meeting of their respective positions. He then informed the meeting that the present board had worked on setting up a constitution for the Club, which included such items as to who is eligible for becoming a member of Club Viking and cost of membership. He explained to the meeting that it is hoped that Club Viking will be able to obtain a Liquor License and be able to operate a lounge in the basement of the Scandinavian Centre when the addition to the Centre is built. This lounge would be a meeting place for members and for members to bring friends.

The chairman advised that we presently have 40 members and that it was decided at the beginning of the formation of the Club that when our membership reached 40 members, a general meeting would be held, at which time an election of officers would be held and that the people voted in would be the official Board of Directors.

The chairman, Per Nielsen, felt that we should not vote on the Constitution, but Peter Elander disagreed and suggested that we vote

on the Constitution as presently set up, in principle only, which would leave room for changes to be made by the new board.

Per Nielsen then read the minutes from all past meetings.

It was moved by Ross Fowler and seconded by Rod Larsen "that the proposed Constitution be accepted in 'principle' as read".

Svend Nielsen also wanted to know why we need nine board members as he felt it was too many and that it usually is hard getting people to serve on boards such as this. Per Nielsen said that we had 15 nominees for this election and that this item would be something for the new board to change at an

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FINNISH SOCIETY **S Y S**

By Elmer Kankkunen

The Finnish Society held its annual "Laskiaset" cross-country ski meet on March 7 at the Karvonen farm north of Wetaskiwin. Skiing conditions were excellent and so was the Karvonen hospitality. Eino Karvonen assisted the Finnish Society members in preparing the track prior to the race, brother Paul made the "hernerokka", while "Mummu", Mrs. Lydia Karvonen attended to the many guests. An empty house close to the farm and belonging to a member of the family was made available to us, Eino fired up the sauna and Albert filmed some of the proceedings. On behalf of the Finnish Society, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the Karvonen family for their generous assistance.

The results were as follows:

MEN'S 7 1/2 KILOMETRES (ESTIMATED)

1. Matti Moisio 31:05
2. Seppo Pesonen 34:50
3. Antero Hast 35:40
4. Pentti Sipari 36:16
5. Andy Lof 41:40

VETERANS OVER 45 7 1/2 KILOMETRES

1. Alex Karvonen 43:25

WOMEN'S 7 1/2 KILOMETRES

1. Susan Kankkunen 37:00
2. Kaija Pesonen 38:40
3. Sylvi Kankkunen 41:05
4. Mary Karvonen 49:50

BOYS' 1 1/2 KILOMETRES (ESTIMATED)

1. Robin Karvonen 8:37
2. Michael Karvonen 10:35

GIRLS' 1 1/2 KILOMETRES

1. Marleen Kankkunen 9:48
2. Eeva Karvonen 11:21
3. Lisa Karvonen 12:35
4. Virjo Karvonen 13:20

COMING EVENTS

The Annual Vappu Dance will be held May 1 in the Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre. Supper will be served smorgasbord style featuring Finnish food prepared by Society members. After supper we shall have a short program of Finnish folk dances, selections by the choir and presentation of skiing and fishing trophies. We hope to have on hand Mr. Christian Graffe, recently appointed Vice-Consul of Finland, and perhaps a few of our Scandinavian queens. Pentti claims he has managed to get hold of a good orchestra, so it appears we have all the ingredients for the makings of an enjoyable evening. Get your tickets early from Pentti Sipari or other members of the executive as we anticipate a sellout. □

FINLAND **- SUOMI** **PART X** **ECONOMY**

Finland's main wealth is there for all to see: it

is the forest, 55 million acres of it. The Finnish economy is based on wood: wood is used for fuel and as building material, but it is, above all, the raw material of the country's chief industries.

During the winter as many as 150,000 workers are engaged in felling trees in the forests and hauling them by tractor and truck, as well as by horse, to the railroads or the rivers for transportation to ports and factories on the coast. In the spring the great rivers are jammed with logs which may have several hundreds of miles to travel before they reach their destination.

The lumber is fed into sawmills and planing mills, plywood factories, joineries and furniture works, prefabricated plants and box factories, or is turned into pulp or cellulose, paper, newsprint or board. Most of these products are shipped abroad.

The woodworking industry dominates the economy of Finland. In recent years it has accounted for about one-third of the total value of industrial production, and it employs more than one-fourth of the total industrial labour force—not counting the workers needed for cutting and transporting the lumber.

Vigorous industrialization has been a predominant feature of recent development in Finland. New export industries have been developed alongside the traditional woodworking industry. The metal and engineering industry has shown the strongest development. It is now the biggest industrial employer in Finland and ranks first in production value. Metal industry products account for some 24% of total exports, as opposed to 4% before World War II. Also, other products—like foodstuffs, textiles, chemicals and industrial design, traditionally manufactured primarily for the domestic market—have become increasingly significant to the Finnish foreign trade.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Finland is primarily a country of private enterprise. The co-operative movement is also an important factor in economic life. Because farms are small, co-operation between farmers is often a necessity. More than two-thirds of all milk and the bulk of grain and eggs on the market come from co-operative enterprises. In all, there are more than 3,000 different co-operative societies with a total membership of about 2,000,000.

GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS

The Government, too, is engaged in business. It owns large areas of forest and runs the postal and telegraphic services and the railroads. It also controls directly or indirectly some industrial concerns and mining enterprises. The Government share of the net

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annual meeting.

Svend Nielsen suggested

national product is about 12% and its total expenditure is roughly one-fourth of the national income.

The Government's role in business is the result of economic necessity rather than political doctrines. There has been no nationalization since the last war. State ownership of forests, for instance, goes back to the 16th century when all uninhabited wilderness was declared property of the Crown. Nowadays, the State forests are in the far north and most of them still remain unexploited.

The railroads are built by the Government—for the simple reason that no one else has enough capital for the development of an adequate network in a country of long distances and a scattered population.

For the same reason the Government has had to enter the power business. One third of the electric power production capacity was lost in the war, but since then a great expansion has taken place, partly with the aid of credits received from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and pre-war production has been exceeded.

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

In 1967 the Government of Finland announced its liberal attitude toward foreign investments. These measures have already brought results. At present some 350 partially or totally foreign-owned firms operate in Finland. They employ altogether about 30,000 persons.

FARMING AND FORESTRY

Up to the end of the 19th century farming land was cleared by burning forests; clearings were cut in the forest and the felled trees burnt to ashes which served as fertilizer. Today the farmer prefers to cultivate his forest which is an important source of income. Typical for Finland are farms combining forest and farm husbandry. Only 12% of the land area is cultivated, and much of this has a meager yield. Many farmers therefore have to depend on the sale of lumber, while others work as lumberjacks in the winter when there is little to do on the land.

Though industrialization is rapidly gaining ground, a fifth of the population still derives its living from the land. The most important crops are wheat and rye; about 80% of the country's need for bread grain is covered by domestic production. At the same time milk production exceeds domestic consumption by 25%.

Most farms are small: the average area of arable land is only 22 acres. Most common is a family farm worked by members of the family, with seasonal help from outside labour. □

that since there are five Scandinavian ethnic groups in the Centre it would be an idea if each group had one person serving on the Board of Club Viking together with one person elected as president. This would eliminate the possibility of five Danes (for instance) serving on the board and no Swedes. Peter Elander said that he felt we should vote for the people who would be willing to do a job, not their nationality.

Svend Nielsen asked what would happen when the Club gets the liquor license. Will the Scandinavian Centre be in charge or will Club Viking? Per Nielsen said the the Liquor Control Board would not give a license for Club Viking and then have the Scandinavian Centre operate the lounge. It would be up to the Board of Directors of Club Viking to make decisions in regards to operating the lounge. Svend Nielsen wanted to know what would happen if the lounge went broke. Per Nielsen informed Svend Nielsen that only Club Viking would be responsible, not the Scandinavian Centre.

Per Nielsen explained to the meeting what the Centre would be like when the addition has been added.

Les Greenham felt we could have the lounge open for the public during noon hours for a smorgasbord; it would be a way of making money. Per Nielsen said that this could not be done as the Liquor Control Board would not give a license for us to serve to the public, only to members and guests.

The chairman put the question and the motion was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nomination committee were able to come up with quite a few people who would be willing to serve on the board. Per Nielsen called up the names of the people nominated and had everyone present introduce themselves before the election.

Three people were to be elected for three years, three for two, and three for one year.

NOMINEE	NO. OF VOTES
Henry Logan	7
Gladys Clark	16

Emeth Clark	7
Rod Larsen	14
Peter Elander	15
Lili Nielsen	15
Les Greenham	15
Lillian MacPherson	12
Irja Kuusela	5
Matti Erkkila	5
Tim Sahuri	3
Pentti Sipari	13
Greg Johnson	17

It was moved by Rod Larsen and seconded by Gladys Clark "that nominations cease".

Svend Nielsen would like to know if man and wife could serve on the board at the same time and was informed that there was nothing in the present constitution to the effect that they could not.

The chairman put the question and the motion was carried.

After the election it was found that three people were tied for a three-year position and it was decided that the three people in question vote between themselves to see who would get the three-year term and who would get the two-year term. Per Nielsen called upon Peter Elander, Les Greenham, and Lili Nielsen and they were asked to vote for one person amongst themselves. Les Greenham was thus elected.

Two other people were tied and it was decided that we would take a hand vote for these two candidates.

It was moved by Rod Larsen and seconded by Gladys Clark "that we vote on the two people tied for a one-year term by way of hand showing as one of the candidates was not present".

The motion was carried. Emeth Clark was the person voted in.

The following are the newly elected Board Members of Club Viking:

- 3-YEAR TERM**
Gladys Clark, Les Greenham and Greg Johnson
- 2-YEAR TERM**
Peter Elander, Lili Nielsen and Rod Larsen
- 1-YEAR TERM**
Emeth Clark, Lillian MacPherson and Pentti Sipari

The chairman thanked the past board for their co-operation.

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DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

Our February dance was well attended and we believe that everybody present had a good time. The membership draw in the amount of \$35.00 was won by Mr. Knud Nielsen, 47 Grandora Crescent, St. Albert, but as he was not present another \$5.00 has been added for our March 20th dance.

Our last Whistdrive for this season will be held on April 13, 1976, at 8:00 p.m. in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

BIKUBEN will meet on April 18, 1976, at 8:00 p.m. at 12424 - 141 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. Mark your calendars now so you won't forget.

On April 24, 1976, DANIA will be having a SPRING SPORTS SUPPER AND DANCE in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre at 7:00 p.m. The menu will be Herrings and Open Face Sandwiches, the Music will be supplied by the Sound Merchants and their famous singer, "Bob Jones", who entertained us so well at our New Year's party. Limited tickets are now on sale at the cost of \$8.50 per person for members and \$10.00 per person for non-members. Out of every ticket sold one dollar will go directly to our two sports clubs, Dania Soccer Club and Freja Handball Club, as we are trying to support them and hope you will do the same by attending this event. Coffee and cake will be sold at approximately 11:00 p.m. by the two sports clubs which again is a way for them to raise funds for their operations.

Tickets can be obtained from the following people:
Vera Nielsen — 454-5438
Kirsten Lindegger — 489-5890
Lili Nielsen — 435-5655

Get your tickets early as this will be the last dance for the winter season, our next event will be our Klondike Dance in July. □

NEWS FROM ANSGAR

By Pastor Holger Madsen

The month of April, with its important festival of Easter, provides many varied opportunities for worship. We would especially draw the attention of our readers to the Service on Maunday Thursday evening (Skætorsdag aften) at 8 p.m. This service is in Danish. Then on Good Friday we have an English service at 11 a.m. Both of these

A LETTER ON BEHALF OF CONCERNED SHAREHOLDERS

By Claus Jacobsen

Why such a low attendance at the Annual Meeting Feb. 25, 1976? As several shareholders asked on the night of the meeting: "What is there to come for?" No shareholders needed to vote for new directors. They are by the nominating committee — cut, wrapped and served, nominations ceased. No need to cast your ballot, was the answer. You can sit at home and look over the financial statement and see what way it is going, even if you don't understand the auditor's way of setting up the statement. And since it seems no longer necessary to be a shareholder or even Scandinavian to become a director on the board, why bother buying a share—use the \$50.00 for something else. Note: the present Board of Directors has two non-shareholders—one in for the second year. Mr. Chairman, what are you

services will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. As is the custom at Ansgar, there will be two services on Easter Sunday—the Danish one at 10 a.m., and the English one at 11 a.m. We hope to be hearing from our Youth Choir several times during the Easter Services.

Our fellowship evening at Ansgar—April 25 at 8 p.m.—will be a Family Affair. We have booked the one-hour color movie titled, *The Power of the Resurrection*. It is a dramatic account, narrated by Peter, of the events which led to the Crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is so well done that to see this movie is an experience that will heighten the content of Easter. Following the movie we shall enjoy fellowship and coffee. We trust that our generous and competent ladies will each bring along a plate of goodies to accompany our coffee.

The Ladies Aid of Ansgar is busily preparing for the Spring Bazaar, to be held this year on May 15 from 12 to 5 at the Eastwood Community Hall. Among their many other offerings will be a fine array of bedding plants, therefore, don't buy your bedding plants elsewhere—wait for the Bazaar. And, of course, there will be the usual fine selection of handiwork available. In the very near future the Ladies will also have for sale lucky tickets on: a \$500 cash prize, as well as lucky tickets on a lace tablecloth and a fine meat slicer.

Therefore, among your spring appointments, make sure that you include the date of Saturday, May 15—you can come anytime after 12, buy an unbeatable lunch of Danish open face sandwiches and pastry, and then spend a leisurely hour or two making your selection of the goods on display. □

COMMENTS FROM DANIA PRESIDENT

By Peter Andersen

I just want to send some corrections, contribution and comments to the paper.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

"The Danish Voice in Edmonton", Erik Pedersen, will be 50 years on April 22, 1976. He has been

going to do about it? Pay up or get out of there.

Looking at the financial statement as of Dec. 31, 1975 (Balance Sheet in *Scandinavian Centre News*, Feb. 1976) the overall loss for 1975 came out at \$19,341. In connection with the operation, the amount of \$27,792 has been used toward wages and administration (\$23,518 in 1974).

In the overall Statement of Hall Rental it shows a loss of \$16,276, taking in consideration the grants of \$2,000 to restoring the Centre and \$2,000 to the newspaper, the total loss for 1975 would be \$4,000

EASTER

By Holger Madsen

The Festival of Easter is really one of the most—if not THE MOST—prominent Festival of the Christian Church. By its very nature and content it defies man's attempts to commercialize it. Easter bunnies, bonnets, and eggs, etc., are rather pale and pallid substitutes for the intrinsic meaning of Easter. For Easter underscores in the strongest way possible the fact that God did, and God does care about people. Be they young or old, rich or poor, colored or white, "pure" or "impure"—according to man's measurement—Easter, the cross, the empty tomb, demonstrates that there is hope for all people, not only in the hereafter, but also in the NOW. There is hope and an open-ended possibility for all people to become restored to a meaningful relationship with a power that is permanent, a power that does not change or become obliterated by the changing mores and morals of mankind.

The message of Easter emphasizes without compare, the equality of humanity. For whether it was the robber on the Cross next to Christ, or the fanatic fearful churchmen of the day, or the duty-bound Roman soldiers—Christ's plea for mercy included all of them—"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." At the foot of the Cross and at the empty tomb, the ground is level, no one stands higher than anyone else. Here, all pretext, all earthly honor and importance is transparent.

Easter is the "givingest" Festival that we celebrate; its true joy, and its lasting value is only experienced when people receive what it has to give.

We urge YOU to come and celebrate Easter with us this year at ANSGAR. □

managing the bi-weekly Danish radio program on radio station CKUA since 1952. Tune in to his program on CKUA for Danish music and news.

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE ANNUAL MEETING

On February 25, The Scandinavian Centre had their annual meeting and they had a very poor turnout of shareholders—only some forty persons came. There were no elections held because the "nominating"

higher. According to the report at the annual meeting, bookings are up for 1976, but the statement shows a downward trend of \$1,888 compared with 1974 on advance deposits.

Under Revenue in Statement of Hall Rentals, commissions—catering shows \$9,519 for 1975, \$9,200 for 1974. It should be corrected to read \$10,566 for 1975. The missing \$1,047 is hidden under Sundry of \$1,671 on the statement. Is that a convenient mistake, now that

committee only had found 3 names. This is disgusting to call that an election! A nominations committee should ALWAYS nominate more than the number of directors required. I am not criticizing the new board members, just the way the whole meeting was a waste of time, when no elections were held. I sincerely hope there will be more shareholders coming for the annual meeting in 1977 to the Scandinavian Centre!!! □

the catering service will be handled in a different way (according to the retiring president)?

We (maybe only a few) concerned Shareholders are really concerned about the future of the Centre and its place in our Scandinavian community.

If you don't agree with my concern, please convince me I am wrong by letter in the next paper, please.

On behalf of concerned shareholders,

C. Jacobsen □

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BUFORD NEWS

By Florence Pearson

On Feb. 28 the Buford Vasa Lodge hosted the provincial curling with teams from Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Meeting Creek, Edmonton, Falun and Buford participating, followed by a banquet and dance in the Legion Hall, Leduc. The rink skipped by Doug Havanka, third Ken Flinkman, second Jenny Havanka, lead Gus Tabler of Falun took first prize. Second place was taken by Bob Ladoucer and teammates Ray Pearson, Garry Jacobson and Wanda Markstedt of the Buford Lodge. Crying towels went to the Meeting Creek rink consisting of Albin Bergstrom, Ken Johanson, Walter Pearson and Ruby Bergstrom.

Members on the sick list in February were Helfred Bergstrom, Signe Carlson and Hans Hanson. We hope they are feeling much better by now.

Philip, youngest son of Bernard and Dolores Johnson, spent a few days in the Leduc Hospital after being kicked on the cheek by a colt, requiring several stitches.

Albin Markstedt left for a month visit with his brothers in Sweden.

George and Irma Skjersven and Jimmy and Brent are leaving tomorrow for a two-week holiday in Hawaii. Happy holidays to

LETTER

Dear Stan:

We are enclosing a cheque in the amount of \$35.00, to the Scandinavian Centre News.

At our last bi-monthly 'Lutefisk' dinner, the Scandinavian News paper came up for discussion, amongst the discussion of other things. Everyone there agreed that they enjoyed this paper very much, and looked forward to it each month.

The paper is well composed, articles are very interesting and well written. It has something for all the participating groups, locally and abroad, of the Scandinavian people. The well written articles, by visitors, to the various countries, must bring back vivid memories to a lot of the people that read them.

We hope that this small donation to the paper, will be of some financial aid. Keep it coming.

With best personal regards, we remain,
Your relatives,

Herman Hafso, Norman Hafso, Arnold Hafso, Selmer Hafso, Spike Hafso, Henry Hafso, Thorleif Eriksen
Viking, Alberta

all.

Congratulations to both Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson who became grandparents of granddaughters on March 5. Laurie Anne born to Joe and Sandra Rye, and Dana Jean born to Jack and Janet Gregory. □



Marshall Moy, Ed Ness, Gordon Thompson (Clareholm Sports Director).



Helge Nilsen, Edmonton Sports Director; Marshall Moy, Supreme District Director, opening the games.



Presentation of Bowling Trophy to Edmonton Sports Director, Helge Nilsen, from Ed Ness and George Thompson.

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Supreme District representative, open the games by throwing the first rock. As he had never seen a curling rock before, it was quite a chore, he thought he should clean the rock off on his sweater.

In curling, there were seven rinks from Grande Prairie, six from Edmonton,

Ross Fowler "that the ballots be destroyed".

The motion was carried. It was then moved by Ross Fowler "that we adjourn the meeting and start the wine and cheese party".

The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. □



Curling events at Claresholm.



Sons of Norway Presidents from five clubs participating in Winter Sports.

five from Claresholm, seven from Camrose and five from Calgary. The bowlers were out in excellent shape with 24 strong teams—some of the members would bowl well over their average.

No praise could be too high for the member drivers of the courtesy cars who seemed to be everywhere.

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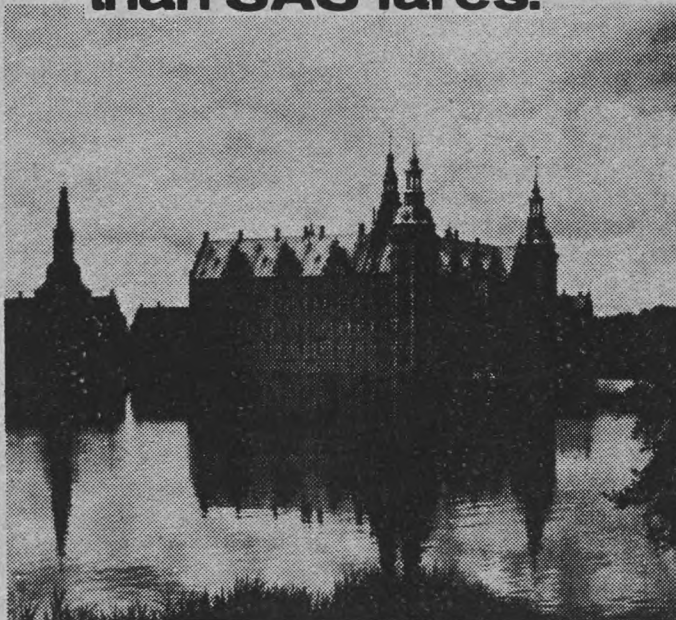
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ation and willingness to work on this committee in trying to set up Club Viking and then congratulated the newly elected board and said that he was sure they would do a fine job.

It was moved by Les Morris and seconded by Les Greenham "that the present Board of Directors provide a write-up for the Scandinavian Centre News next issue.

The motion was carried. It was moved by Peter Elander and seconded by

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They were a wealth of knowledge, and would drive one where and whenever necessary. These pilots of the sportsmen were an answer to a prayer.

Although there had been plenty of snow, and the Ski Committee had mapped out a course, the chinooks came and made it impracticable to hold the ski races. Saturday, several cars carried skiers from Grande Prairie, Camrose and Claresholm some 20 miles west into the most beautiful mountain country for some skiing in the Porcupine Hills. Sunday, the Edmonton skiers had their turn on the slopes; they felt then that it had been worth their while to bring their skis.

Two of the Edmonton rinks were made up of skiers, these became known as "the cross-country curlers", they didn't do wonders in curling, but they sure could slide.

A friendly attitude was held throughout the meet which climaxed at the banquet Saturday evening. The local Lions Club catered, serving over 300 in a most commendable manner in the spacious McLean Hall. Marshall Moy brought greetings from President Eide of District Four. The chairman introduced the five presidents, John Peterson of Grande Prairie, Doug Peterson of Edmonton, Cliff Lien of Camrose, Knut Hauge of Calgary and Kai Hansen of Claresholm. Grande Prairie entertained with a full stage choir singing their songs. The pantomime, the Edmonton trio put on, kept the hall in an uproar, as the dumb waiter, Ross Fowler, stumbled through the act serving Doug Peterson, the patient customer; whilst Wally Broen provided the background music.

As the orchestra did not show up, Carl Oilund of Grande Prairie played his accordion, accompanied on the piano by Wally Broen of Edmonton. These two played their hearts out for the dancers. Later, other volunteers came forth, and a large seven-piece orchestra filled the stage made up of locals and others. The hired orchestra had gone to Champion in error. Those Camrose clowns were another peak in the evening's entertainment as they made their colorful ways about the hall. A cheque for \$200.00 was presented to President John Peterson of Grande Prairie by President Cliff Lien of Camrose for their piano fund.

Raffle tickets had been sold throughout the year and at the games. The draw was made for the beautiful five-piece leather luggage set, a colorful Norwegian sweater and a digital clock radio. The winner of the travelling bags was Peter Hahn; the Norwegian sweater, Olga Patriquin and the

radio by J. L. Neily. All winners were from Claresholm—not one Norwegian.

When all the games had been played Sunday and the dust settled, all participants had packed their duds and it was lunch time at McLean Hall. The Lions Club served again. There were mountains of food and all the time to eat it.

Following the "thank yous", Sports Director Gordon Thompson announced the trophy winners. Ed Ness, Sports Director for District Four, presented the Bowling Trophy to Helge Nilsen, Sports Director of Solgylt Lodge, Edmonton. The Curling Trophy was presented to the Ronning Lodge of Camrose. Ribbons were presented for Ladies' High Single Bowler, Debbie Hoveland, of Calgary who in six games scored 1,323. Men's High Single went to Nels Scarbo of Edmonton with a score of 1,358. The High Score for a team went to the Calgary team: Olive Bramley, Anne Johanson, Fiona Carew, Sue Auvigna and Ingal Hoveland. Camrose won the Curling Trophy with an average of 19.1—three-game score, 133 1/2. Calgary was second with an average of 15—three-game score, 75. Edmonton followed closely behind with an average of 13.8—total score, 74. The Calgary rink, skipped by Fraser, won the highest points in curling—winning all three games, scoring 26 1/2 points.

These games were another successful milestone in the brotherhood of the Sons of Norway. The whole event will be run off again next year with Calgary as host lodge.

Claresholm is to be congratulated for a good job well done. We shall long remember the beautiful weather, friendly atmosphere, and new friends. □

(When Bob Burt attended these sports events, he already had a high fever. Upon returning home, however, he wrote this article and then went directly to hospital where it was found he had bronchial pneumonia. We feel indebted to Bob for his untiring efforts in supplying information to the Scandinavian Centre News. Pictures were taken by Bob Burt and prints made available by his son, Ken. Bob wishes to thank all those who sent him "get well" wishes while he was in hospital. Editor) □

Continued from Page 2 MANAGER'S DESK

We now have almost 6 complete Viking costumes here at the Centre. We could use a couple more helmets. Maybe I can get someone to talk nice to Pentti Sipari about this. Or maybe someone else would like to make up a helmet for us?? It is my hope these 6 outfits will be used to add some extra color or fun

to some parties or plays.

What about holding on to the "spirit" of Scandapades and take part in the "Klondike Days"?

Maybe it is time again to show the people of Edmonton that we, the Scandinavians, are very much alive, that we want to be a part of a lively Edmonton.

Scandapades showed we do have the talent around. Let us use it to get the young people involved, also. What about it??? □

Continued from Page 1 LES GREENHAM

which he has belonged for five years. He is also now Vice-President of the Icelandic Society. He also wrote the Icelandic Newsletter column in the Scandinavian Centre News for over two years.

For the past year and a half, until just recently when it was taken off the air, Les had been doing the radio program over Radio Station CFCW called The Scandinavian Show each Saturday morning. All of us miss this favorite program and will never forget how Les made it such a popular radio series.

A few months ago when the new Scandinavian Club Viking was organized he was one of its charter members and served as Vice-President of the interim Board of Directors and served on the committee to form the Constitution and Bylaws. Just recently when the Viking Club had its first annual meeting, Les was again voted in as a director and subsequently became its new and first official President.

At the recent annual general meeting of the Scandinavian Centre, Les was also voted in as a director of that board and thus became its Social Director for the coming year.

Les Greenham is a very conscientious worker on behalf of the Scandinavian people and deserves the honor of being the first recipient of the Scandinavian Centre "Viking of the Year" Award. □

Continued from Page 1 WINTER OLYMPICS

MEN'S 1,000 METRES
Jorn Didriksen, Norway — silver

MEN'S 500 METRES
Mats Wallberg, Sweden — 4th

WOMEN'S 3,000 METRES
Lisketh Korsmo, Norway — bronze

WOMEN'S 1,500 METRES
Lisbeth Korsmo, Norway — 4th

Helen Takalo was the only one to challenge Russian supremacy in the cross-country events. She fought a real duel with Raisa Smetaniya, winning the 5-kilometre by 1:04 seconds and losing out in the 10-

kilometre by 0:87 seconds.

Competitors with Finnish names appeared on the teams of several countries, Goel Partapuoli skied in the women's relay for Sweden, Jim Maki of the U.S.A. was in the jumping competition, Reijo Puiras skied in the Canadian men's cross-country team.

Bill Koch of the U.S.A. made Olympic history by becoming the first ever North American to win a medal in cross-country skiing. He won the silver in the 30-kilometre race, also placed 6th in the 15-kilometre.

During and prior to the Olympic games there are other games that go on behind the scenes.

The East Germans and the Austrians completely dominated the jumping events, but the results were no accident. They had developed a new jumping suit which assists even mediocre jumpers to gain an extra 15-20 metres per jump. The suit with slits down the side panels from knees to neck collects air upon takeoff and the rubber-reinforced back traps the air giving the jumper a lift and also stabilizes and extends the flight time. Finnish and Canadian jumpers acquired similar suits shortly before the Games managing to cram in only limited practice and performed under a severe psychological disadvantage. □

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mittee had had two meetings and that a great variety of information had been gathered. Harv Haugen suggested that the information be made available to the shareholders and requested that the Committee retain all information for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter had been sent to Radio Station CFCW by one of the shareholders regarding the cancellation of the Scandinavian Hour. A reply had been received stating that interest in the program had been steadily declining over the years, but that their decision would be reconsidered depending on listener response. Harv Haugen requested that all shareholders write to CFCW requesting that the Scandinavian Hour be put back on the air.

It was moved by Sig Sorenson that the new Board of Directors do everything in its power to get the Scandinavian Hour back on CFCW. Seconded by Stan Hafso. Carried.

Per Nielsen stated that CFCW is presently in the process of cancelling all ethnic broadcasts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Selma Sorenson, Chairwoman, introduced the Nominating Committee, and presented the following nominees to fill the three vacancies on the Board; each will be elected to a term of three years.

Karin Nasset
Eileen Peterson
Les Greenham

Elmer Kankkunen will allow his name to stand to fulfill the one-year period remaining of his term.

Nominations from the floor were called for, but there were none.

The following people were elected:

3-YEAR TERM
Karin Nasset
Eileen Peterson
Les Greenham
1-YEAR TERM
Elmer Kankkunen

Nominations for auditor for the coming year were called for by the President and Wally Broen was elected by acclamation.

Nominations for five people to serve as a Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates to fill vacancies on the Board at the Annual General Meeting to be held in 1977 were called for, and the following were nominated; and duly elected:

Sirkka Ristola — Finnish
Chairwoman
Raymond Wold — Swedish
Shirley Sigurdson — Icelandic
Molly Cooper — Norwegian
Claus Jacobsen — Danish

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. and the members present enjoyed a delicious lunch and coffee served by Stella Kassian. □

DIRECTORS TAKE POSITIONS

At a later meeting of the new Board of Directors, each took a particular job to do for the coming year. The following is a list of the respective positions:

PRESIDENT
Per Nielsen
VICE-PRESIDENT, INTER-GROUP LIAISON AND SCANDAPADES
Solli Sigurdson
SECRETARY AND SHARE OFFICER
Eileen Peterson
TREASURER AND CHARTER FLIGHTS
Doug Peterson
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
Karin Nasset
CENTRE OPERATIONS
Ben Mattiessen
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
Les Greenham
PUBLICITY AND VIKING DISCO
Elmer Kankkunen
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS
Stan Hafso
CENTRE DEVELOPMENT
Gary Johnson
Eriling Winquist

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Harv Haugen
To go over everything that took place in the Centre during the past year would only be to repeat the reports of the other Board members.

This being my last year, I would like to thank our members for their help and

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support. I would like to recognize the encouragement given to me by Sig Sorenson, who has stood behind me all year. I would also like to recognize Vera Nielsen for all her fine work, and her husband, Tom, our first Scandinavian Centre Manager and a great guy. And to our new Manager, Peter Elander, who is doing a fine job, I extend my personal thanks . . . as well as to the power behind Peter—his lovely wife, Lily.

By motion at the last Annual General Meeting we sent a letter to a gentleman who has done an outstanding job for the Scandinavian Centre—Les Morris. Thanks to Les we have the finest ethnic newspaper of its kind. It is with pleasure that the Board of Directors present to Mr. Morris a fully-paid share as recognition of his contributions.

We also recognize a gentleman who has contributed much of his time to our Centre. We have created a Scandinavian Centre Viking Award, and for its first presentation we have (very wisely we believe) chosen this man, who has presented our news and information over Radio Station CFCW—Mr. Les Greenham. I know that the program, now cancelled by the radio station, is missed by all of us.

My comments as outgoing President are ones of praise—your Board of Directors deserve credit for the increase in activities in the Scandinavian Centre. Use of the Centre by our ethnic groups has grown and is growing tremendously, and the co-operation of the groups has been rewarding. Work continues on expansion, and a feasibility study is being done on taking over our own food services.

This being my second term on the Board, I shall not stand for re-election; after six years, two as President, I would like to take a rest. But I do not intend to stop my activities in the Centre; rather, with the consent of the Board, I shall accept an unofficial appointment to work on two particular areas. The first is the involvement of our Consular Corps; the Consuls represent our native countries and we have a responsibility to work together. The second is a review of our by-laws; they were written during different times and they worked well, but some portions are becoming outdated and it is time for a review.

Again, my thanks to the members of the Board for their excellent co-operation and to the shareholders, management and staff of the Scandinavian Centre. □

SHARE SALES REPORT
By Eileen Peterson

During 1975 there were seven shares sold and paid

for in full; there were also 22 transfers made. □

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Margaret Cameron

Keeping our cultural heritage alive is very important to us and is the real reason for having our Scandinavian Centre and using it to accommodate the Scandinavian people for such purposes as language classes, dancing, singing as well as preparations for the annual Scandapades when many talented and hard-working people participate in presenting a finished show to the community. Assistance was given in organizing the Garden Party held in front of the Legislative Building during Klondike Days at which ladies from our ethnic groups appeared in costumes.

The annual Scandinavian Centre Queen contest was held in September; Miss Karin Nasset was chosen as Queen with runners-up being Miss Lena Larson, Miss Laurie Eliasson and Miss Susan Lundberg. □

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS REPORT

By Stan Hafso

The News is now into its 18th year of publication, and the past 17 years have been good ones.

Last year a great deal of thought and discussion was devoted by the Board of Directors to ways to bring down losses, and at that time it was decided to institute a subscription service at a cost of \$6.00 per year; this, along with donations, helped to some extent. However, costs of printing and operating increased, and the publisher's salary was also increased; these expenses were unavoidable in view of our economy at the present time.

The high quality of news and advertising remains the same, and we must have your continued support; I again urge all Scandinavian businessmen to add their support through advertising; any amount spent this way is tax deductible.

As your Director for the Scandinavian Centre News, I thank you for your support through donations and advertising; I look forward to a bigger and better year coming up. Remember, we have the greatest Scandinavian newspaper in North America! □

PUBLICITY REPORT
By Sol E. Sigurdson

The work under Publicity was minimal during the year, consisting mainly of writing "Splinters from the Board" for the Scandinavian Centre News. I found this particular task a real challenge for two reasons—first, many of the dealings of the Board appeared in other places in the paper, and second, many Board discussions were not yet for announcement. I eventually settled on the idea

that "Splinters" should not report cold facts, but rather try to pick up on the official gossip; in other words I attempted to keep readers attuned to the thinking of the Board. Unfortunately, since I did not get any reaction from the average reader, I find it difficult to assess my effectiveness, but I do feel that this is an important column.

My recommendation is that publicity and advertising for specific functions remain, as is presently the case, with the Chairman of that function. □

TREASURER'S REPORT
By Doug Peterson
GENERAL OPERATIONS

Although gross revenues increased significantly during 1975, costs increased at an even greater rate.

During the fall the heating system in the basement failed and had to be replaced at a cost of \$7,898. This factor, along with other capital additions resulted in a decline in case reserves of \$24,341. With the revenue base available, the Centre must observe very stringent budget practices in order to achieve at least a break-even position in succeeding years. □

SCANDAPADES REPORT
By Sol E. Sigurdson

I would like tonight to give a brief report on Scandapades '76. The cultural content of the show could have been improved. We have to report only minimal contributions from the Swedish and Danish groups; individual contributions from both groups, however, were outstanding. From the point of view of entertainment I feel we had an outstanding show, for which we are obviously indebted to too many people to be able to mention them all separately. A detailed report on Scandapades '76 will be forthcoming shortly and will include:

1. Financial statement
2. Performance report on individual acts, production personnel and activities
3. Ticket sales and advertising, answering the question of which advertising dollar gave the best value
4. Food fair
5. Display
6. Programs □

INTERGROUP LIAISON REPORT

By Per Nielsen

As Vice-President and Intergroup Liaison Officer of the Scandinavian Centre for the past year, I have been involved in many things.

To go to details in each event will make my report last until midnight. Therefore I'd like only to mention the highlights.

VIKING DISCO

That took a lot of time and work to get started and after the first night, I was disappointed. With hopes

that 200-250 young people would show up I was needless to say not pleased with the turnout. However, today I must admit the Disco is going very well. There are approximately 70-80 people every Wednesday night. Friday, February 13, nothing else was going on in the Centre, so the Disco had a dance. And my understanding is, there were approximately 200 young people out for the evening. At this time, I'd like to, on behalf of the Scandinavian Centre Board of Directors, extend a warm thanks to Karin Nasset and Inge Nielsen for their help with the Disco in the beginning and to each and everyone who has helped since.

The Scandinavian Centre has, during the year, had its annual social functions. First the MOTHER'S DAY SMORGASBORD, which again was a great success, and for the first time we had a Mother of the Year Award. That, in my opinion, went over very well and I hope to see it continued.

The 11th Anniversary was once again a party where I would like to see more people participate. Or doesn't the birthday of the Scandinavian Centre mean ANYTHING to you. It was a small but successful party and I think everyone there had a good time.

In September the Scandinavian Centre and the Sons of Norway joined forces and celebrated the crowning of the Scandinavian Centre Queen.

That party was a sellout. We invited the girls and their escorts and the judges for dinner. The final judging was done that evening. In style we crowned our new queen, then there was also some entertainment by local groups. Personally I feel the queen contest has come a long way from being a Sunday afternoon coffee party with approximately 30-40 people in attendance and I would like to see it grow more in the future.

The tickets available for the Scandinavian Centre New Year's Eve Party this year were somewhat lower than last year. Mainly due to space limitations. People to me seem to need more room on that evening than on any other night—maybe they eat a little more???

And that is why there is more call for space. Looking back on the phone calls and letters received regarding the party it was a great success.

As the main charges with the responsibility of Intergroup Liaison, it has been a pleasure to work with the ethnic groups. There has been approximately one meeting a month. These meetings have been held in a very informal manner, by that I mean just free wheeling conversations, but I think the board and especially myself, is very surprised by the results of these meetings. The groups are talking and working together. The relationship between the groups and the board is better. Give them more time and you will see more changes yet for the better of the Societies and for the Scandinavian Centre.

Last September, our President did call a meeting between the Liaison Group and the Board of Directors. At that meeting he asked for volunteers to serve on a committee who would look into and form a Social Club. I was appointed to the committee and when it had its first meeting, they elected me the Chairman. Club Viking is formed. There are now over 40 members paid up. And you will hear more from the club in the future.

In the late fall I also became involved in Scandapades. In the program Sol Sigurdson has me down for Co-Producer. Why he gave me that fancy title for doing a lot of leg work I don't understand. However that was an experience in itself. I didn't realize the work involved when I accepted, but I want to say, if asked by a Scandapades committee again to help I won't turn it down. Most of you people here did see Scandapades, and you made your own decisions about the show. All I can say is if you enjoyed the show just 50% as much as we did putting it on for you, it was a great show.

Last but not least, as Vice-President I must admit that there is a lot to learn about running a Board of Directors. On a couple of

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occasions our President was absent and I chaired the meetings. The responsibilities of being the chairman I learned a lot in the past two years from our President. Having one more year of my term as Director, I hope that I get to use what I have learned.

Before I close my report I would like to say "thank you" to all who helped make it a good year. Shareholders, Board of Directors and Management and Staff of the Scandinavian Centre. Looking back on the years I have been on the Board it has been a pleasure to serve you as a board member. And especially thank you to those of you who will not be back on the Board with us this year, it has been a pleasure. □

CENTRE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By Erling Winquist and
Ben Matthiessen

I would like to present, on behalf of Ben Matthiessen and myself (Erling Winquist), a report on the Expansion and Development of the Scandinavian Centre.

It has been the prime objective of past Board of Directors to expand the Centre to fulfill the aims and objectives of the Scandinavian Ethnic Groups. The present Board set up a committee to research and discuss, with representatives of the Ethnic Groups, the requirements of a development spanning the next twenty years.

After considerable research and discussion, it was recommended to expand our present facility to include an auditorium, additional kitchen and wash-room facilities to service the entire Centre, also a sauna bath and showers, both for male and female use.

We would visualize this Auditorium not only as an aesthetically pleasing structure, but as a multiple use addition bringing together our members both young and old.

The Auditorium would be on ground level and would provide a stage, gymnastic facilities, basketball, volleyball, badminton, etc., and would handle up to 700 people or two groups of 350 each for banquets and dances. The Auditorium would also include a stage and a performance held in it would handle 1,500 to 2,000 people. Kitchen and washrooms would be on ground level to service the entire Centre. Sauna baths and showers would be below ground level under the new kitchen.

Three sets of preliminary plans were drawn up, a site plan, floor plan, and an elevation plan together with a submission to the Provincial Government for a proposed grant of 40% of the cost of the entire project.

The estimated cost of the project taking inflation into consideration, including the landscaping and parking and being very realistic, would be approximately \$400,000.

A cash flow was prepared on the rental only, of the new Auditorium and present facilities. It is estimated that the monies derived will pay for the running of the entire Centre and mortgage for the next twenty years. This was based on the rental of one night (Saturday)—100% and one night (Friday)—50% for 52 weeks of the year.

With respect to the present facility, it is our intention not to make any substantial alterations due to the high cost involved both in dismantling and re-constructing.

We sincerely appreciate having this important item placed on the agenda and hopefully you will support this important project one hundred percent. □

CENTRE OPERATIONS REPORT

By Gary Johnson

This past year has been a productive, but, hectic year at the Centre.

Bookings are up, mid-week functions are up and newly-formed clubs are making good use of the Centre.

The teen Disco Club for example is coming along very well and has shown a good increase in membership as well as providing much needed entertainment and fellowship for our young people.

Their club night is Thursday of every week, usually meeting in the Nordic Room and although things are going quite well as Per Nielsen will probably mention, we are in dire need of volunteers to provide proper chaperoning for the Disco Club.

The younger generation is active and responsible but our supervision is very important to them and to the Centre as a whole to insure that we encounter no unfortunate situations.

The Centre Toastmaster Club, formed by Peter Elander, is also making regular use of the Centre and the membership is quite strong. It's another much needed activity for the benefit and enjoyment of our members.

The Viking Social Club was also formed in 1975 and they are sponsoring periodic functions at the Centre.

This Club will be the backbone of a daily Centre club room for our members as tentatively planned once expansion is completed.

This past year has seen the Centre encounter several unexpected but necessary expenditures.

A flood earlier in the year put the finishing touches to our furnace system and it had to be completely replaced at an approximate cost of \$8,000.00. A much needed ventilation system

was also installed at the same time and the cost of this was approximately \$140,000.00.

Frost damages to our kitchen cooler unit resulted in a \$700.00 repair bill.

New chairs were purchased at the cost of \$2,901. A piano was purchased at the cost of \$1,398 including trade in of the old one. Emergency lighting was installed at the cost of \$1,348. Three electric hand dryers have been installed in the washrooms but only one was in the 1975 expenses.

Other regular maintenance and updating expenses included items such as a door lock system and fire-proofing of curtains, cleaning and repairs of chairs and several other items.

A soft drink dispenser is being used instead of bottled pop. This is not only less expensive but also eliminates transporting cases of pop and empty bottles back and forth.

An ice-making machine has been ordered but will be on the 1976 expenditures.

1975 also saw increases in hall rental fees, corkage fees and food prices.

These adjustments were made merely to bring our rates in line with other banquet halls in the city.

We had several more midweek functions this past year and that extra revenue was badly needed. Our goal is to promote further mid-week use of the Centre. There is no reason why, in a city of our size, that by promoting our Centre as we did last year, we can't make the Centre a busy and prosperous facility during the week as well as on the week-ends.

A brief comment on our catering situation for those hearing different rumors: we are doing a feasibility study on the possibilities of the Centre operating its own kitchen facilities. This is only a feasibility study, taking into consideration current catering commissions that we are receiving and also realizing that we shall have new kitchen facilities once Centre expansion is completed.

We have no definite intentions, whatsoever at this time, but if we are not constantly looking at the different possibilities of improving or bettering our Centre, whatever it may be, then we would not be doing our job as directors.

I have enjoyed serving as Director of Centre Operations and especially working with last year's Directors. They are all fine people and they all served you well as Directors.

I look forward to serving another year on the Board in whatever capacity I am relegated to.

Trusting this report meets your approval. □

CHARTER FLIGHTS REPORT

By Doug Peterson
The 1975 summer

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APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 4 — 11:00 a.m. - Danish

April 15 Maunday Thursday (Skaertorsdag) — 8:00 p.m. - Danish

April 11, 16 (Good Friday) & 25 — 11:00 a.m. - English

April 18 Easter Sunday—10:00 a.m.-Danish—11:00 a.m. - English

DANIA

SPRING SPORTS SUPPER AND DANCE

Saturday, April 24th, 1976

7:00 p.m. at

VIKING ROOM

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

MENU — Herrings and Open Face Sandwiches

MUSIC — Sound Merchants and Singer Bob Jones

PRICE \$8.50 per person for Members

\$10.00 per person for Non-Members

Tickets on sale from any of the board members and Vera Nielsen

Scandinavian Centre

5th Annual MOTHER'S DAY SMORGASBORD

Sunday, May 9th, 1976 at

Scandinavian Centre

14220 - 125 Avenue

DINNER SERVED FROM

2:00 - 4:00 and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adults \$7.00 per person

Children (12 years and under) \$2.25 each

TICKETS BY RESERVATION AVAILABLE FROM

Scandinavian Centre — 455-4355

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Les Greenham — after 5:00 p.m. 455-0082

Club Viking

GET TOGETHER

Friday, May 7th, 1976

8:00 P.M. at the

Scandinavian Centre

VALHALLA (NORDIC) ROOM

FOOD NORWEGIAN STYLE

Only 100 Tickets Available at \$4.00 per person

AVAILABLE FROM

Any board director or Scandinavian Centre 455-4355

charter flight program was conducted through an agent on a flat per seat commission basis resulting in net income to the Centre of \$1,190. No seats were sold for the Christmas flight.

Five flights from Edmon-

ton and three flights from Calgary are available for the 1976 program.

Mrs. Vera Nielsen must again receive special thanks for her untiring efforts in promoting and administering the program. □